

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
UTILITY SERVICE BOARD
JULY 17, 2006**

The Regular Meeting of the Utility Service Board of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall in Jasper at 7:00 PM on Monday, July 17, 2006.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg A. Krodel who presided.

UPON CALL OF THE ROLL, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

Greg A. Krodel – Chairman
Mike Harder – Vice Chairman
Ken Sendelweck – Secretary
Michael A. Schwenk – Electric Commissioner
Jeffrey S. Theising – Water Commissioner
Edward J. Kreilein – Wastewater Commissioner
Alex Emmons – Gas Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Jerry Schitter – Electric Distribution Manager
Windell Toby – Electric Generation Manager
Michael A. Oeding – Gas & Water Manager
Bud Hauersperger – General Manager
Sandy Hemmerlein – City Attorney

ABSENT:

Thomas A. Lents – Wastewater Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (A-20)

Chairman Greg Krodel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A-28)

Chairman Greg Krodel presented the minutes of the June 19, 2006 meeting and there being no corrections or amendments, asked for a motion to approve. Jeff Theising made a motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting as presented. Alex Emmons seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

HEALTH-BASED ALTERNATE FOR BOILER MACT (A-45)

Windell Toby informed the Board of an option to go with a health-based alternate for stack testing for mercury, metals, etc., available only for industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers. Toby

explained if this option were chosen, he would only be required to do this type stack testing one time, at a cost of approximately \$5,000, versus testing annually for three years and then every third year after that, at a cost of \$5,000 each time, as in the past.

Toby asked for Board approval to hire Orbital Technical Solutions for \$4,900 as a consultant for the health-based alternate testing.

Toby discussed this option with IDEM and they told him it would be the best way to go.

Toby explained there is a deadline of September 13, 2006 to have the paperwork for the health-based option to IDEM, but all of this depends on the results of the August 1st testing.

Alex Emmons made a motion to grant Windell Toby and the Electric Generation Dept. approval to hire Orbital Technical Solutions, in the amount of \$4,900, to pursue a health-based boiler mact alternative, conditional upon the August 1st test results, and conditional upon contract review. Mike Schwenk seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

ELECTRIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (A-187)

Jerry Schitter stated the committee met on July 13, 2006 to discuss power purchase proposals for 2007 from Vectren, Ameren Energy Marketing, and IMPA.

Schitter said after discussing the proposals, the committee recommended requesting a proposal extension from Vectren to give Bud Hauersperger time to establish a history on this year's fuel tracker. Schitter said Vectren agreed to a proposal extension into September.

Schitter said all of the proposals are still under consideration while the committee is gathering more data.

TIMBER CUTTING AT BEAVER LAKE (A-229)

Mike Oeding of the Park Dept. came before the Board with maps to show an area at Beaver Lake that he and a State Forester walked to look at the condition of the trees. He said the forester proposed to do a selective harvest to remove trees that are mature or damaged, or trees that are of little value.

Oeding said they want to hire a consultant to mark the trees and go out for bids for the tree cutting.

Sandy Hemmerlein said that after researching, she found out the Water Utility purchased the property in about 1955. Since that time the Park Dept. took over the maintenance, the collection of boat license fees, the dock rentals, the lot leases, and paying for the liability insurance for the lake. The Water Utility has been responsible for the dam, including paying for the dam liability insurance.

Hemmerlein said a Beaver Dam Lake Fund was established in 2003 to accept donations for use at the Beaver Dam Lake.

Hemmerlein passed out a draft of the amended ordinance proposing that the proceeds of the timber-cutting sales would be deposited into the Beaver Dam Lake Fund and used for Beaver Dam Lake purposes, such as dredging, road maintenance, weed maintenance, etc., but not for the dam at Beaver Lake.

Hemmerlein asked for approval to recommend to the City Council that any proceeds from the timber harvest would be put into this fund for the purposes outlined in the fund, and to give authority to the Park Board to hire a consultant and handle the timber-cutting project at Beaver Lake.

Mayor Schmitt commented he thought this was a great plan.

Jeff Theising made a motion to recommend to the City Council that the proceeds from the timber harvest at Beaver Lake be deposited into the Beaver Dam Lake Fund with the stipulations contained in the draft ordinance, and to authorize the Jasper Park & Recreation Board to contract with the appropriate persons for the project. Ed Kreilein seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

UPDATE – WINDSONG ESTATES GAS PROJECT (A-527)

Mike Oeding reported that all of the gas line along Portersville Road has been installed to the north side of 47th Street. Oeding said they hope to have this line tied together with the valves to the piece across Portersville Road by the end of the week. Then they will pressure test the lines and be ready to install the lines in the subdivision.

NORTH WATER TOWER INSPECTION (A-536)

Mike Oeding reported he received the contract from Midwestern Engineers, but there is a possibility it may have to be amended to do the inspection while the tower is full, so it doesn't have to be drained.

Oeding said there is a new inspection method involving putting a diver with a video camera into the full tank, but this project is on hold until they can gather more information.

WATER MAIN BREAKS – WERNSING ROAD (A-550)

Mike Oeding reported there have been two recent water main breaks in the ditch along Wernsing Road between Division Road and the Humane Society.

Oeding said the ditch has been washed out and the pipe is exposed. Floodwaters kept them from getting to the pipe last week, but it has since been repaired.

City Engineer Chad Hurm is looking at the possibility of running a new main from behind the Street Department past the Humane Society to Wernsing Road, where a new fire hydrant will also be placed, eliminating the existing line along Wernsing Road from Division Road to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

UPDATE – MERIDIAN ROAD GAS PROJECT (A-577)

Mike Oeding said they are currently acquiring necessary easements.

He said he plans on contracting with Trenchless Technologies, where needed, to install the lines.

GAS PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (A-590)

Alex Emmons, Chairman of the Gas Planning Committee, stated the committee did not meet during this past month.

WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (A-591)

Jeff Theising, Chairman of the Water Planning Committee, stated the committee did not meet during this past month.

AUXILIARY POWER GENERATOR – WASTEWATER (A-594)

Bud Hauersperger reported the auxiliary power generator is on-line at the Badendorf II lift station.

WASTEWATER PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (A-597)

Ed Kreilein, Chairman of the Wastewater Planning Committee, stated the committee did not meet during this past month.

UPDATE – NGM GAS TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT (A-599)

Bud Hauersperger reported the NGM Gas Transportation Contract has been turned over to an accounting firm in Indianapolis to study the contract and gather more data and he hopes to have the study results available next week.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT & PRESENTATION OF CLAIM DOCKET (A-613)

Ken Sendelweck reported the Finance Committee had met and reviewed the claims on the Claim Docket.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of the claims as presented.

Mike Schwenk made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Alex Emmons seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

JOINT PETITION TO IURC (A-620)

Jerry Schitter presented a map showing an area on Meridian Road, owned by Cave Quarries. They are planning on constructing a new office building on this property.

Schitter said Dubois REC has asked JMU to serve the area due to the lack of REC infrastructure in this area.

Sandy Hemmerlein stated REC is preparing a joint petition to the IURC for this proposal. She explained there is no cost to the City and it just makes sense for JMU to be the provider in this case.

Schitter said his department had to construct a new 3-phase line down Meridian Road and into this area, but it was going to be necessary for future expansion of Decora.

Ken Sendelweck made a motion to authorize the joint petition with REC to the IURC for this area, pending final legal review. Mike Schwenk seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM upon motion by Ed Kreilein and second by Alex Emmons. Motion approved, 7-0.

Attest: _____
Secretary Chairman